और उनसे यह कहा है कि इसके अंदर जो भी कानूनी कारवाई हो सकती है, आपको पूरी छूट है कि आप उसको आगे बढ़ाइए।

जहां तक दूसरे सवाल का ताल्लुक है, मैं आपकी राय से बिल्कुल इत्तेफाक रखता हूं, मेरी और आपकी राय में कोई फर्क नहीं है। यह बात सच है कि हमने पंजाब का इलेक्शन लड़ते वक्त जो जो बात लोगों के सामने कही हैं, उनको पूरा करने की जिम्मेदारी हमारी है और इसमें मैं अकेला कुछ भी नहीं कर सकता हूं। इसलिए मैंने एक मर्तबा पंजाब में बयान दिया था, दूसरी मर्तबा जाते वक्त मैंने फिर उस बयान के ऊपर कहा कि जो बयान मैंने पहले दिया था, मेरी गलती थी, मुझे नहीं देना चाहिए था। शायद आपको याद होगा कि यह दोनों बयान मैंने ही दिए थे क्योंकि इस मामले को मैं अकेला ही हल नहीं कर सकता हूं। तो यह मेरी जिम्मेदारी रहेगी कि मैं दोनों मुख्य मंत्रियों के साथ बात करूं, उसके बाद फिर प्राइम मिनिस्टर के साथ बात करके, इसमें से जल्दी से जल्दी कोई रास्ता निकालना बहुत जरूरी है नहीं तो वहां के लोगों ने पंजाब के जितने हमारे लोगों को चुनकर भेजा है, हम वापिस लोगों के सामने क्या चीज लेकर जाएंगे, यह सवाल जो आपने पूछा है, यह बात मेरे भी दिल में है जो मैं आपको जरूर कहना चाहता हूं कि मेरा भी सिम्पेथी आपके साथ है, लेकिन आज मैं इस हालात में नहीं हूं कि यकीन के तौर पर कोई चीज आपके सामने कहूं।

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will you lay the report on the Table?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, no more.

Mr. Ramachandran, please, because he was given the permission.

I allow association. It does not mean that people who get permission should not get a chance.

Plea for developing the security base, harnessing natural resources for economic prosperity and to speed up execution of some on-going developmental works in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, the security of the country is to be given the top-most priority.

Madam, I request the attention of the Leader of the House, the Home Minister. I am talking of the security of the country.

THE HOME MINISTER (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): My colleague is here.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: The security of the country is to be given the top most priority. In view of the incessant attempts to infiltrate into our country by some Sri Lankan terrorist groups and the continued smuggling activities along the vulnerable east-coast of India, I would like that more and more forces may be deployed on the east coast of Tamil Nadu. Again, there are some political movements in Tamil Nadu, which are in collusion with the terrorist groups. These political groups should be watched. Madam, to facilitate the Coast Guards, I would like to emphasise the need for an express east costtal highway linking Kanyakumari and Calcutta. This would provide a much essentially required support base infrastructure to the Cost Guards. Also as a corollary, the economic activities of the coastal districts will be accelerated.

The Madras-Kanyakumari railway route connecting Villupuram, Trichy, Dindigul and Madurai is the nerve line of the railway traffic in Tamil Nadu. After repeated please made incessantly for a long time by all the Members of Parliament from Tamil Nadu, the project of conversion of the existing metre guage line into broad guage has been taken up for implementation, but the progress is not encouraging. It is proceeding at snail's pace. The fund allocated for this project in the current year Budget is very meagre. I would request the Government to increase the Budget

provision for this important project and to speed up the execution.

Alas! what an eye-sore are the pillars erected all along the east part of south Madras! Madam, on this part I want your help. I seek your support.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I support all the Members.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: This is a very important thing. Alas! what an eye-sore are the pillars erected all along on the east part of south Madras. Are they going to be the standing monuments for the lethargy and negligence of the Indian Railways? I cannot understand why the Government is also slow in the execution of the metro project, the Mass Rapid Transit system. Shall I make an honest and humble plea to the Railway Minister to fulfil my ambition to travel at least once in a train on the metro traffic before I die? I know you may wish me a long life. wishing me a long life you do not put By wishing me a long life you do not put spokes in the progress in the progress of the project.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: But you think that the project is delayed because you are still alive? I don't think so!

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Last but not the least, the project which is to be given immediate topmost priority is to augment the irrigation potential in Tamil Nadu. Again and again we repeat our request to help us realise the dream of linking the Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Cauvery and the Tamiraparani rivers. Another important project which needs the urgent priority is the diversion of a few west flowing Kerala rivers into Tamil Nadu. There is a project which has already received the attention of the Central Government. A preliminary feasibility report has already been prepared and the final feasibility report also has come out. The project aims to link the two rivers—Pamba and Achankoil and to lift the waters of these rivers to a higher level and to divert the water through some artificial tunnels and canals into Nellai-Kattabomman, Chidambarnar, Kamarjar and Ramanathapuram districts. In the project, there is a proposal for a hydel power generation scheme which will benefit the Kerala State. What is required for the speedy implementation of the project is the political will on the part of the leaders of all political parties in Kerala. Considering the prosperity of the country as a whole, the people of Kerala will have no objection to this project. The project provides for construction of dams across these rivers and also provides for a controlled mechanism to check the abundant inflow of water during the rainy season causing floods and the ravage of such floods causing enormous damage to the lives and properties of the people living on the banks of these rivers.

I hope that the Ministries concerned would realise the importance of these vital projects and would take steps on a war-footing for early implementation.

Oh my beloved country, India! thy hath a rich tradition in the cause of serving the needy poor. Our appeal to all the concerned Ministries, through this august House, is to heed to our repeated prayers and to rescue the people of Tamil Nadu from being thrown into the awfully awaiting wide mouth of poverty.

The unity and integrity of the country imply not merely living together, in juxtaposition, but also our ability to share wholeheartedly the common wealth provided by the most bounteous nature.

Let us all have a large heart to foster the give-and-take attitude for mutual benefit.

As far as my concern about the vulnerability of the Easter Coast is concerned, I want that the Minister of State for Home to react. Thank you, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. P. M. Sayeed, I hope that you have heard what the Member has referred to in his Special Mention. Though the subjects which he has mentioned in his Special Mention doesn't concern your Mnistry only, but it concerns the Ministry of Railways, the Ministry of Water Resources and other Ministries, still he wants you to react to the problem of safety and security of the people. Please take care of it.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): Okay, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. The House is adjourned for lunch for one hour.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty-four minutes past one of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at thirty-six minutes past two of the clock, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (Shri V. Narayanasamy) in the Chair.]

STATUTORY RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCLAMATION OF 18TH JULY 1990 ISSUED UNDER ARTICLE 356 OF THE CONSTITUTION IN RELATION TO THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Now, the Minister of the State for Home Affairs would move the Statutory Resolution.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): Sir, I beg to move-

"That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued by the President on the 18th July, 1990, under article 356 of the Constitution, in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, for a further period of six months with effect from the 3rd September, 1994."

Sir, as the House is aware, the forces from across the border were successful in 1990 in luring a section of youth from Jammu and Kashmir to indulge in violent activities against the security of this country. Thousands of young men were taken across the border, trained in tactics of insurgency and weapons handling and sent back to the State with large quantities of arms and ammunition, with a view to disturbing the normal life in the State and endangering the security of the country. Conditions were created in 1990 under which a Proclamation under article 356 of the Constitution, in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, had to be issued by the President on the 18th July, 1990, on the recommendation of the Governor. Since the law and order and the security situation in the State of Jammu and Kashmir continued to be serious, the approval of both the Houses of Parliament was obtained, from time to time for the continuance in force of the Proclamation dated 18th July, 1990, in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The current spell of President's Rule in the State will be in force up to 2nd September, 1994. In a recent report, the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir has mentioned that there has been a perceptible change and improvement in the attitude of the local people, especially in the Kashmir Valley. The opposition to the militant forces, instigated, aided and abetted by Pakistan, is evident in several parts of the Valley. The militants are not supported and their attempts at extortion are being resisted. The most effective demonstration of this popular spirit was seen in Anantnag recently on the assassination of Qazi Nissar by the members of Hizbul Mujahideen. The organisation and its sponsors in Pakistan were roundly condemned and anti-Pakistan slogans were raised.